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HULL SYSTEM AT ITALCANTIERI COMPANY1) INTRODUCTION

(ITC is an old AUTOKON user, as reported in the previous meetings.

Apart from PRELIKON, all the other modules have been largely used in the last eight years.

To complement the functions which are not furnished by A.1, ITC has developed a system, named SCAFO, that solves all the problems related to the shell structures and some related to the internal panelling.

It includes the following modules:

- Frame Table definition
- Primary Inner Structures Loading (panels)
- Shell Landing
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- Section Drawing
- Table of Detail (interface SCAFO - A1)
- Body and Shell Expansion Plan drawing
- Shell Expansion
- Templates
- Long . Frame and Transv. Frame expansion (interface SCAFO - A1)
- Jigs, block marking and controlling data
- Bevels offset
- Painting Lines Heights
- Draft Marks

General Base List

In addition to the above principal modules, other programs are available; they give us offset tables for frames, decks, longitudinals and other structures. This system and a large library of A. 1 norms gave us the opportunity of merging Mould Loft and

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ptical Division with Technical Division. The former were previously in the yards and the latter at Headquarters.

The scale 1:10 was not introduced in the new procedure. Body plans, pieces, nestings and others, are drawn out in scale 1:20. A complete body plan in scale 1:10 is sent to the yard just for checking purposes.

## 2) FUTURE IMAGE OF FULL SYSTEM BASED ON A74

Though A.1 and other modules are working at a good level, they cannot handle automation in the design phase. Drawings with prevailing automatic operation are not possible.

ALKON language and its properties are oriented to solve, quite automatically, such lacking capabilities of A.1. Data base management system provides the necessary tool.

For the time being we are revising the old norms with the ALKON language. They are handled to avoid duplication with A74 basic norms. Courses are scheduled to prepare people in using the language. We'll start with A74 in June 76 with a new cargo ship.

At the same time we have to convert some utility programs working between the SCAFO system and A.1.

Why SCAFO system and not LANSKI and related programs ? After we compared the two, as to number of modules, output quality and computer time, we decided to go on with ours.

Even if it works on a separate data base it brings about much reduction of data volume, and it allows easy maintenance in case of design alterations.

SCAFO data base file organization is made by the catalogue method and the access is random. The data are stored as a form of input image, net intersection ordinates.

According to the experience we have gained on this aspect of ship building we shall give some notes and suggestions that may be worthy of attention.

LANSKI and related modules are not developed according to a unique vision. Different commands and ways of retrieving data may cause some misunderstanding.

### LANSKI

The command BRILL or others, should include also structures such as margin plates, not parallel to the global planes or ship axis.

Scantling of longitudinals must be stored only once, and it should not be redefined in other modules (See LFRAME), CUTO type should be given along the structure as a group and not along the longitudinal.

In drawing a body plan, profile contour with its true length and face plate deviation should be available. (See fig.1).

#### SHEEL

Output should give us further information about the shape, so that rolling, bending and heating operations may be valuable.

Welding shrinkage should be included.

Marking contour refer to template position only (if requested).

Diagonal or other tables to check, after bending, very shaped plates.

#### LFRAME

The module should include also transverse frame because the same operations are performed in the workshop.

Referring to LANSKI notes, scantling and neutral axis should be picked-up automatically from D.B. Table of length along the shell should be calculated also for the raw profile before bending.

#### J I G S

Too much complex input data compared with a very poor output. High computer time.

Further data must be read from other outputs. According to us you need further information to perform the following operations in building blocks:

- Shell plates lying
- Panel marking or checking (See fig.2)
- Longit. and frames inclination
- General checking of boundary (seams, butts) orientation of big structures (by means of theodolite)
- Main references in the dock position.



NESTING AND GENERAL BASE LIST

At present ITC is trying to reduce its operation time in NESTING by means of interactive method with UNIVAC ADAGE; the necessary hardware and software should be available during the months. A group is carrying out the program connected with this side of part coding.

ITC is also working on a system concerning the general base list. Input data have to be prepared from structure data base. Through these output lists, manufacturing information as material handling and naval shop works are obtained.

Until now, we have not examined Aker's norms.

As we know, the package would give us further possibilities in design phase and as a consequence in part Coding.

Bearing above matters and introduction of A74 in mind, we will have to contemplate the future image of the new integrated system in addition to the working modules.

- i) A new module should solve and transfer, into A74 data base, the Primary Inner Structures (may be in an input image), as well as TRABO transfer the body plain.
- 2) The wire model referring to such structures should be available automatically.
- 3) Part identification code system will be one of the most effective and useful methods, so that it can reduce manual input data for general base list, and interactive NESTING operations in piece retrieval would be quite automatic.

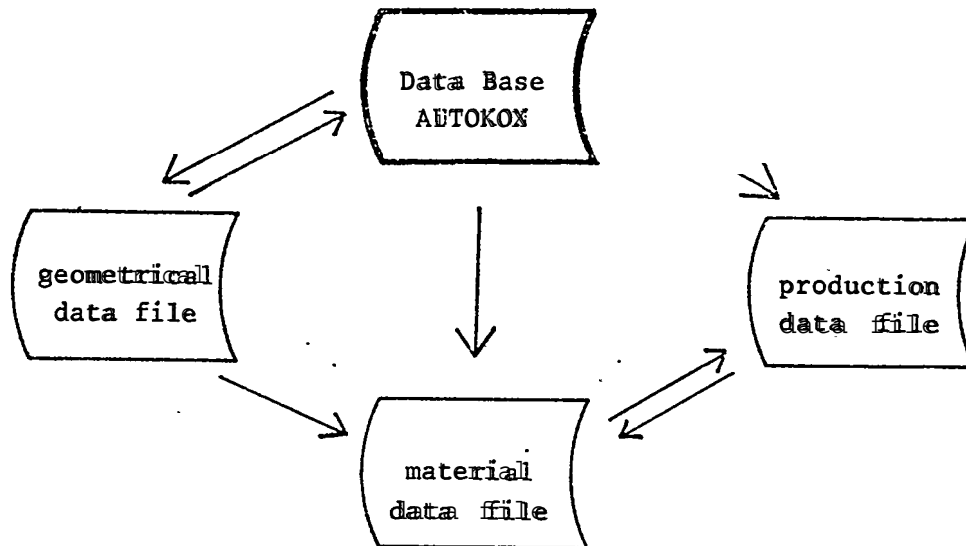
The characteristics of the data to be used in the integrated Hull System should be as follows :

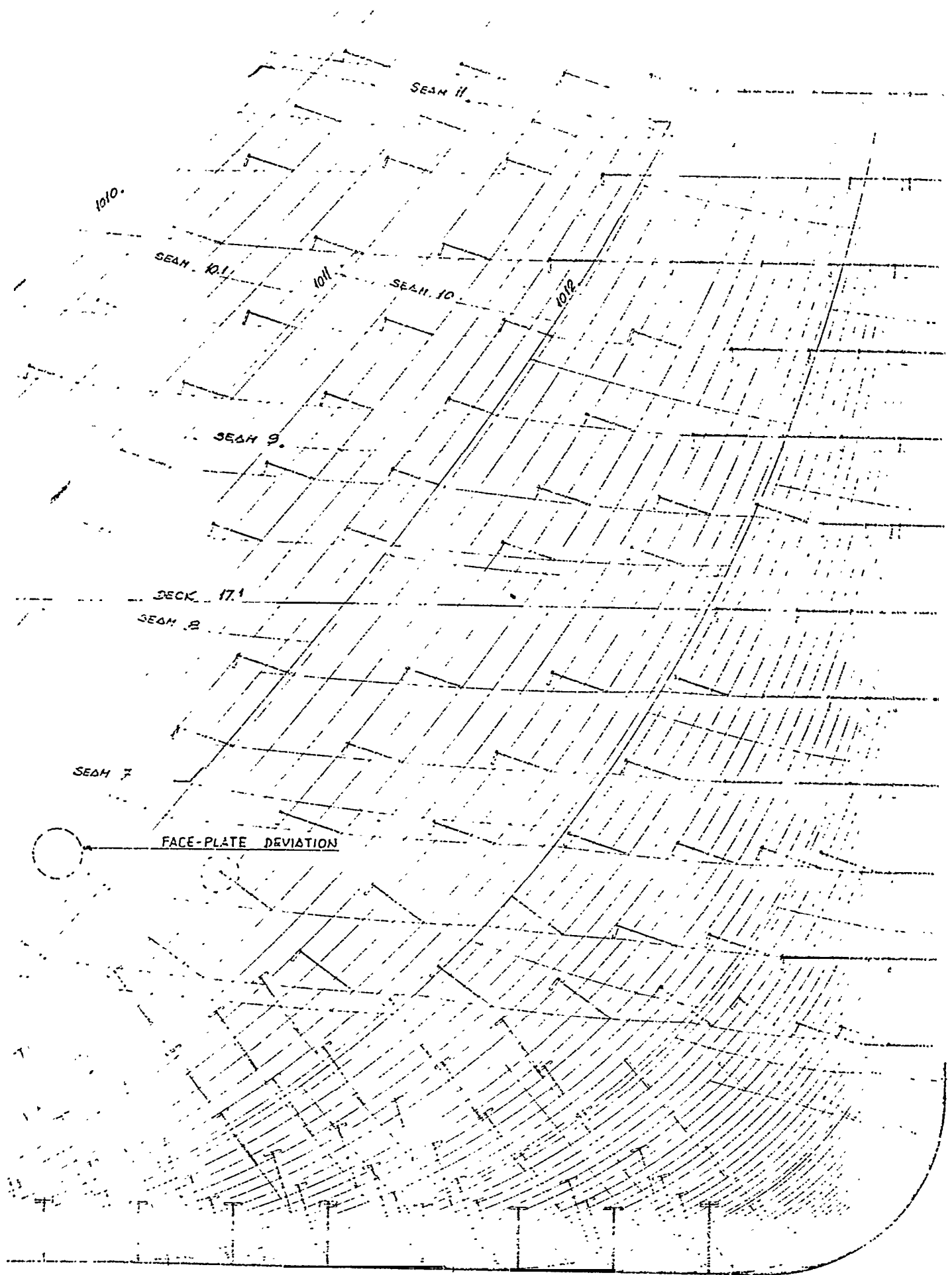
- Geometrical data SCAFO data file
- Design definition data )
- Parts data AUTOKON, data base
- Piece list data
- Nesting data

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- Data for production                      Production data file
- Material data                              Material data file

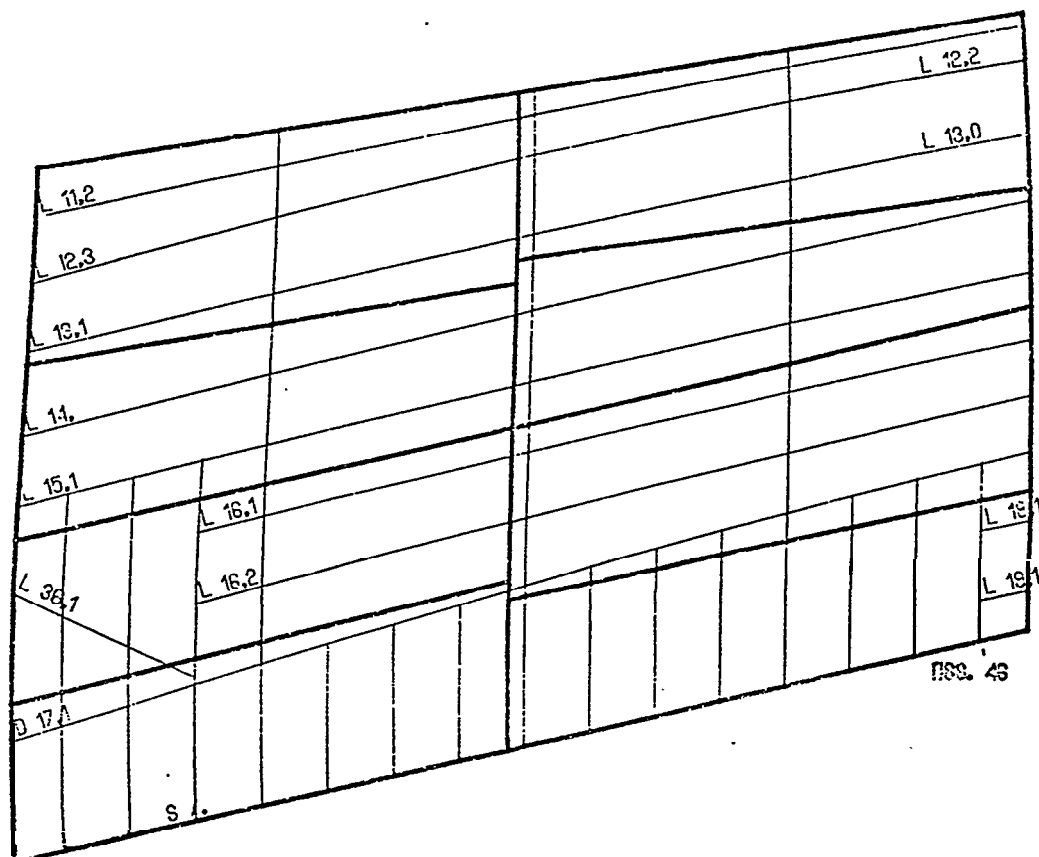
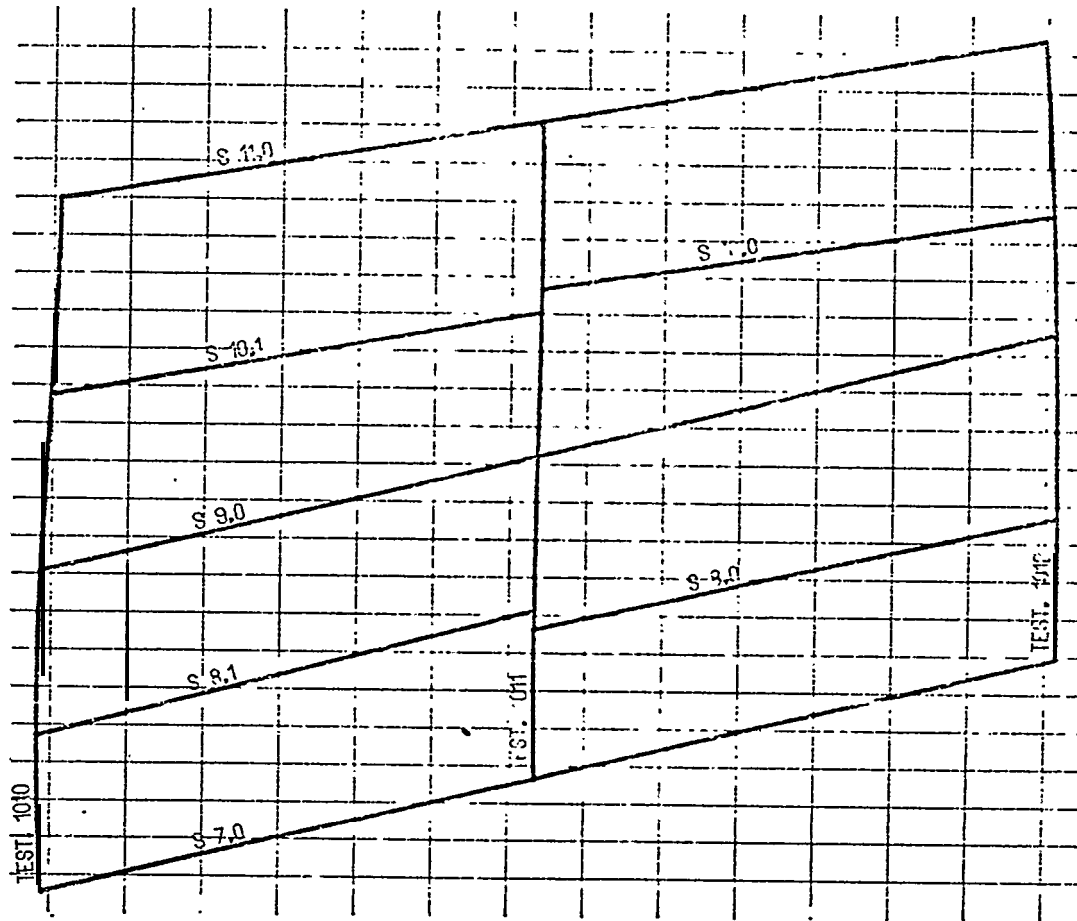
An illustration of the relationship of data files in the integrated Hull System in I.T.C. may be as follows.





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DSS. 32

BUILDING BLOCK ON PLATTFORM

fig. 2

### 3) EXPERIENCES AND FIRST APPROACH WITH THE A74 MODULES

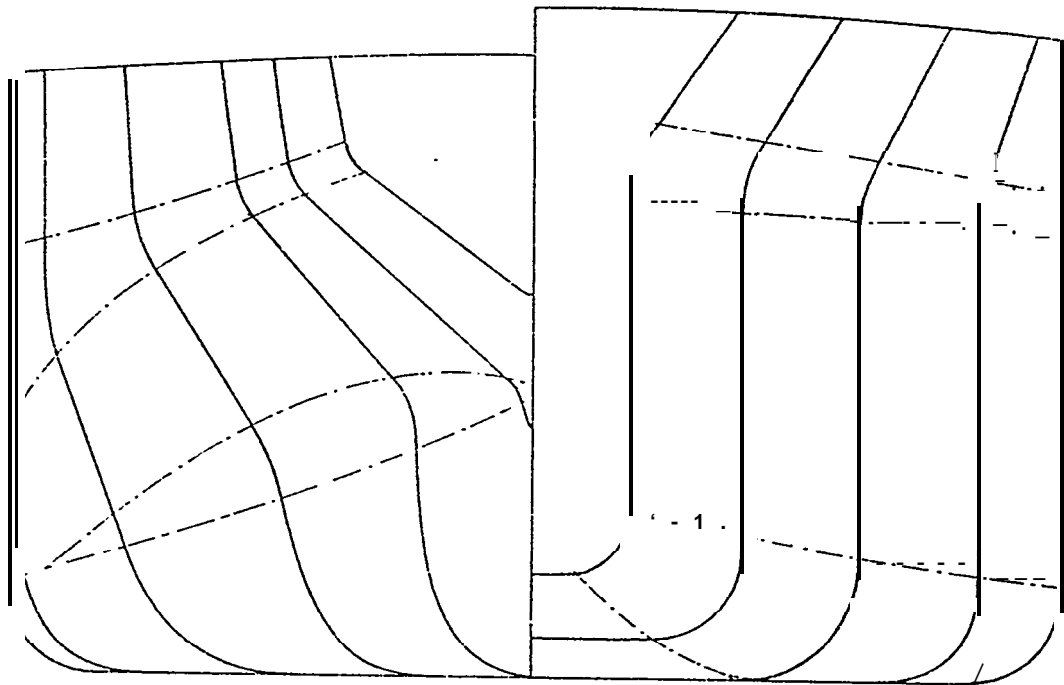
#### FAIR module

FAIR module has been largely used by ITC both for its own ships and those of other yards.

Services for other yards cover fairing and shell structure. The enclosed tables illustrate what has been done in the last seven years . (See tables 1,2).

ITC ships have been treated partially or completely with the other A.1 modules too. From 1972 on, the entire shell area (excluding very shaped stern and stem) is processed by SCAFO system.

By reference to the tables it is brought to mind that in helping the FAIR module we developed some auxiliary programs because some bodies had particular geometrical lines, as follows :



In such types of forms the final body plan is stored both by SERIES via ENAPL and LINGEO1 via output from the mentioned programs.

The tables give us further information about the times re-

The ending area of those marked by a star were corrected manually in the mould loft or tec.div. and man hours are not included in the table.

After such corrections, we used to run fairing again, so that we stored the right included lines.

Such procedure occurs only for our own shells.

## Fairing operations

Usually fairing operations are handled by the men. Both afterbody and fore body are treated at the same time.

We try to have the preliminary completed body plan as soon as possible.

It is unimportant whether it is very well faired or not. Anyway enough as a support for design purposes and shell landing.

Our shell landing method requires butts, too.

## Modified FAIR 2

FAIR2 module was modified because of the following limitations:

- Fraction number 3 and .6 not possible
- Low value as a maximum proper frame number (250)
- Problems by using TRABO

The new module requires only one card after TFRS command with the first and the last frame number.

All the other, frames, stations and butts included are retrieved from SCAFO D.B. as well as absolute distances.

Routines STARTS, GLASPS, FINNES were modified. New routine TFFAIR was included. The module can work both in the original and new version.

Recently we have faired two ferries-Part coding is carried out by A.l.

A74 capabilities help to generate transverse frame contours

for the boss of the stem area. Procedures were as follows :

- Body plan obtained by FAIR2
- Generation of new contour according to the boss of the stem by means of A74 ALKON
- Transferring of frames from A74 D.B. to A1 D.B.  
(See fig. n.3)

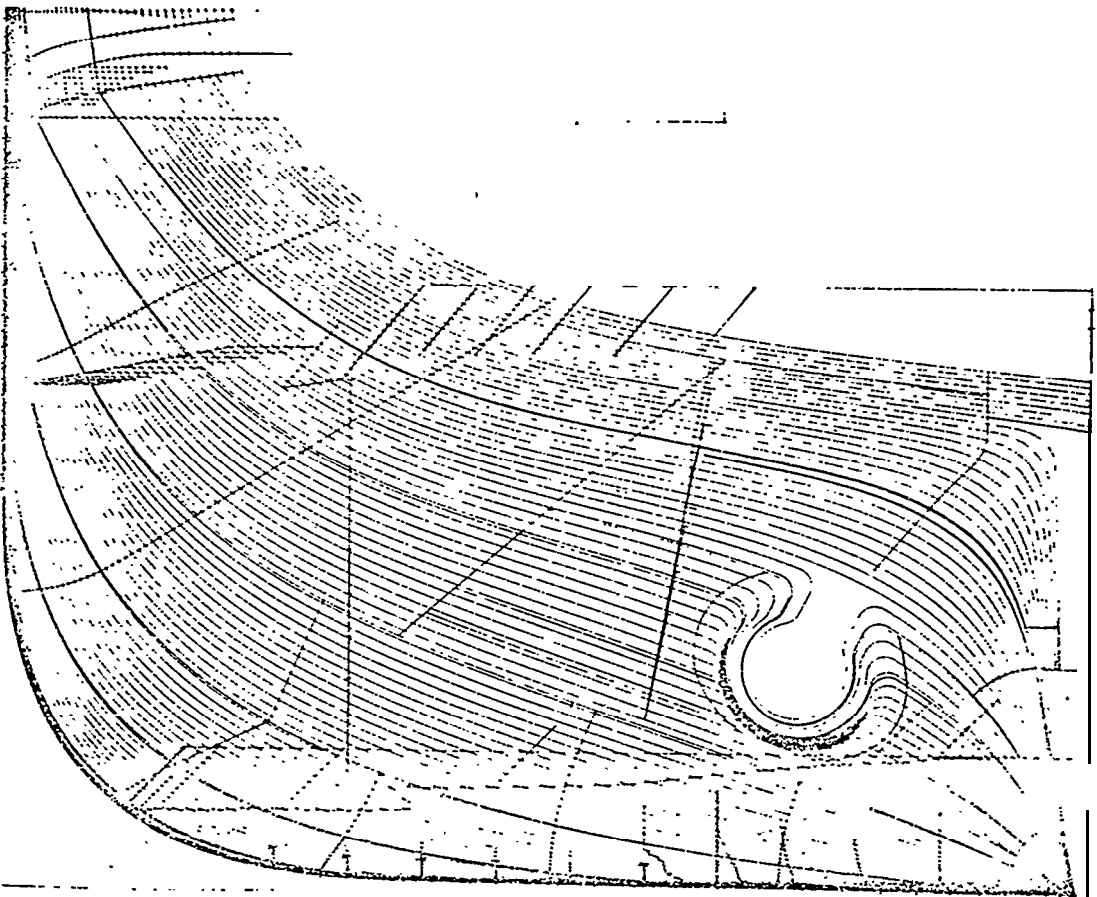
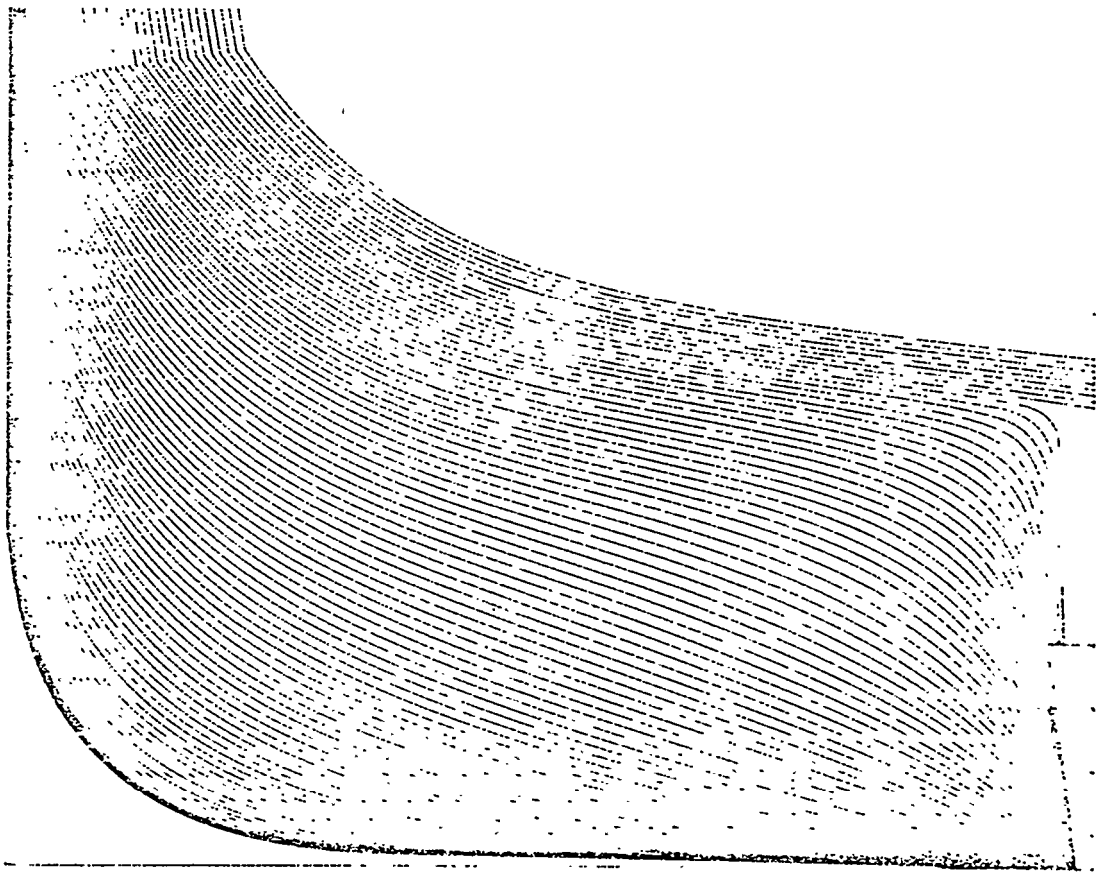
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BODY PLANS FAIRED BY ITC

|    | Company | Date   | yn   | Type of ship       | AFTBODY |       |      |      | FOREBODY |                     |      |      | Comment   |
|----|---------|--------|------|--------------------|---------|-------|------|------|----------|---------------------|------|------|---|
|    |         |        |      |                    | days    | hours | runs | tfrs | days     | hours               | runs | tfrs |   |
|    | TTC     | GEN 69 | 4242 | Container          | 5       | 80    | 3    | 20   | 8        | 95                  | 4    | 26   | Faired by SRS<br>ending area modified by<br>ITC |
| 1  | ITC     | APR 69 | 4235 | Tanker             | 18      | 160   | 15   | 164  | 24       | 360                 | 30   | 113  | * b   |
| 2  | ITC     | JUL 69 | 4244 | Tanker             | 20      | 175   | 16   | 172  | 22       | 320                 | 25   | 117  | * b   |
| 3  | ITC     | OCT 69 | 4268 | Tanker             | 13      | 92    | 13   | 92   | 17       | 188                 | 18   | 76   | * b   |
| 4  | ITC     | APR 70 | 4275 | Drill vessel       | 11      | 62    | 12   | 65   | 12       | 72                  | 14   | 82   | Auxiliary progr. aid                            |
| 5  | ITC     | MAR 71 | 4276 | (4235) "           |         |       |      |      | 4        | 30                  | 5    | 102  | Frames spacing mod.                             |
| 6  | ITC     | JUL 71 | 4279 | OBO carrier        | 12      | 48    | 9    | 112  | 10       | 64                  | 16   | 57   | * b   |
| 7  | ITC     | AUG 71 | 4294 | Bulk carrier X 1.2 |         | 90    | 11   | 107  | 13       | 104                 | 14   | 82   | * b   |
| 8  | ITC     | SEP 71 | P    |                    | 17      | 180   | 13   | 48   | 7        | 64                  | 6    | 48   |   |
| 9  | CNR     | SEP 71 | 253  | Ore oil carrier    | 26      | 249   | 15   | 122  | 12       | 144                 | 2    | 87   | Auxiliary PCR aid                               |
| 10 | CNR     | MAY 72 | 295  | Ferry              | 17      | 250   | 5    | 58   |          | same shape as AFTB. |      |      | Auxiliary PCR aid                               |
| 11 | CNR     | JUN 72 | 297  |                    | 18      | 176   | 19   | 63   | 8        | 113                 | 7    | 75   |   |
| 12 | ITC     | JUL 72 | 4298 | Tanker             | 17      | 210   | 13   | 205  | 14       | 135                 | 8    | 125  |   |
| 13 | ITC     | FEB 73 | 4304 | (4244)             |         |       |      |      | 4        | 26                  | 5    | 107  | Frames spacing mod.                             |
|    | ITC     | FEB 73 | 4284 | (4268)             | 2       | 12    | 2    |      | 2        | 12                  | 2    |      | Butts modified only                             |
| 14 | CW      | APR 73 | 298  |                    | 17      | 240   | 12   | 78   | 9        | 140                 | 6    | 89   |   |
| 15 | MUG     | MAY 73 | 6920 | Refrig. s.         | 9       | 152   | 7    | 100  | 13       | 196                 | 16   | 114  | ?)  |



|    | Company | Date   | yn   | Type of ship    | AFTBODY |       |      |      | FOREBODY |       |      |      | Comment               |
|----|---------|--------|------|-----------------|---------|-------|------|------|----------|-------|------|------|-----------------------|
|    |         |        |      |                 | days    | hours | runs | tfrs | days     | hours | runs | tfrs |                       |
| 16 | ITC     | JUL 73 | 4310 | Clean p.carrier | 13      | 160   | 11   | 85   | 14       | 172   | 14   | 75   | * b                   |
| 17 | ITC     | LUG 73 | 11   |                 |         |       |      |      | 3        | 25    | 3    | 70   | b Frar.ws spacing md. |
| 18 | CNR     | AUG 73 | 279  | OBO carrier     | 18      | 240   | 18   | 98   | 7        | 88    | 3    | fil  | Auxiliary PGR aid     |
| 19 | ITC     | OCT 73 | P    |                 | 7       | 35    | 3    | 48   | 8        | 70    | 9    | 38   | - " -                 |
| 20 | CNR     | DEC 73 | 300  |                 | 15,     | 180   | 17   | 81   | 8        | 140   | 5    | 107  |                       |
| 21 | ITC     | FEB 74 | 4320 | Tanker          | 11      | 98    | 11   | 89   | 13       | 148   | 13   | 95   |                       |
| 22 | ITC     | MAR 74 | 4326 | (4294)          |         |       |      |      | 4        | 25    | 4    | 75   | b Frames spacing mod. |
| 23 | NCA     | MAY 74 | 103  |                 | 7       | 110   | 10   | 65   | 9        | 103   | 8    | 76   |                       |
| 24 | MUG     | JUN 74 | 1657 | (6920)          |         |       |      |      | 4        | 24    | 5    | 30   | Bulb modified only    |
| 25 | CNR     | SEP 74 | 255  |                 | 15      | 175   | 13   | 120  | 5        | 78    | 4    | 98   | Auxiliary PGR aid     |
| 26 | NCA     | OCT 74 | 105  |                 | 12      | 95    | 13   | 145  | 15       | 180   | 16   | 230  | b                     |
| 27 | EUROM   | FEB 75 | 96   |                 | 10      | 80    | 12   | 75   | 7        | 105   | 7    | 8?   |                       |
| 28 | CNR     | FEB 75 | 550  |                 | 17      | 190   | 18   | 60   | 5        | 60    | 6    | 55   |                       |
| 29 | MUG     | APR 75 | 1658 | Refrig. s.      | 8       | 120   | 7    | 100  | 11       | 180   | 13   | 116  | b                     |
| 30 | ITC     | JUL 75 | 4340 | FerRy           | 8       | 90    | 9    | 67   | 15       | 130   | 11   | 80   | * b                   |
| 31 | ITC     | CCT 75 | 4345 | Ferry           | 9       | 70    | 11   | 87   | 13       | 112   | 10   | 104  | * b                   |
| 32 | ITC     | OCT 75 | 4343 | Tanker          | 12      | 90    | 10   | 95   | 20       | 160   | 12   | 71   | * b                   |
| 33 | ITC     | GEN 75 | 4347 | Ferry           | 18      | 150   | 8    | 83   |          |       |      |      | * b                   |



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